

Foxboro Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners

Open Meeting Minutes

August 6, 2018

Members in Attendance: Mike Stanton, Chairman and Robert Garber, Secretary

Others in Attendance: Roger Hill, DPW Director; Bob Worthley, Superintendent; and Chris Gallagher, Town Engineer

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Stanton.

Discuss Chestnut Green Sewer with Jesse Bousquet

Jesse Bousquet, the Operations Manager for Vinco's treatment plant spoke with the Board. He explained that the plant handles waste from Chestnut Green, Dexter Road and Capone Road. It is permitted for 45,000 GPD, and averages approximately 27,000 GPD. The MFN treatment plant is nearing completion of its upgrade. They have reviewed their treatment plant with Beta Engineering, and it appears that they would need to upgrade the equalization tank pumps to VFD with lead/lag pumps. Vinco's concerns is to continue to operate a portion of the facility, allowing the 40,000 gallon pre-treatment plant and 20,000 gallon equalization tank to both stay online. J. Bousquet noted that the day-to-day operations of the plant is expensive; pumping out the 40,000 tank quarterly cost roughly \$10,000 every quarter. The equalization tank is pumped every quarter and inspected for leaks. The rotating biological contractor (RBC) in the existing treatment plant is not necessarily expensive to operate and maintain. The wet well is too small in the existing pump station. An upgrade would cost around \$1,000,000.

Mike Stanton said that the Foxborough is always happy to have customers. He suggested they go back to the drawing board with BETA for an additional engineering study. They could potentially connect into the existing force main on Baker Street.

Chris Gallagher estimated that the upfront cost to purchase capacity would be approximately \$10,000 for residential usage. J. Bousquet said that there were over 80 residential units at Dexter and Capone Roads. An agreement by all parties is needed in order to buy in. The time frame would run approximately one year to get all easements and paperwork in order.

Update on Station 1 Treatment Plant

The bid is expected to go out next month, with construction starting in the spring.

Discuss Billing

The Finance Department received a letter requesting that Town Hall employees be available for interviews with our consultants, in order to discuss aspects of monthly billing. Mike Stanton noted that the Board should find out who our Advisory Committee liaisons are, to make sure they are involved in the process. The goal of the Board is to make sure we are serving the public well.

Discuss Sewer at 24 Wall St

The owners of the property have been paying for sewer, but it has recently been confirmed that they are not connected. The property has a cesspool. The owner is more concerned with whether or not he can be a sewer customer, should he sell his property. The property is no longer being billed for sewer.

Action Items

Bob Garber motioned to accept the minutes of July 23, 2018. Mike Stanton seconded the motion, which was approved by a vote of 2-0.

Mike Stanton motioned to accept a sewer permit for 16 Cary Lane. Bob Garber seconded the motion, which was approved by a 2-0 vote.

Superintendent's Report

The Board received a copy of a letter from Roger to Randy regarding the consulting firms of OSD and HDR studying rates and monthly billing.

Bob Worthley noted that the tank level is holding at about 36 feet.

Meeting Adjourned

7:50 p.m. – Bob Garber motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mike Stanton, and approved by a vote of 2-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher Gallagher

These minutes of August 6, 2018 were approved on September 10, 2018



Robert T. Garber, Clerk